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SUBJECT:SR-71 TRAINING DEPLOYMENT TO RAF MILDENHALL

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DEPLOYMENT OF THE SR-71 TO THE UK IS PROPOSED FOR ROUTINE
TRAINING PURPOSES. SUPPORT AIRCRAFT WOULD ARRIVE UK 3 JAN-
UARY; SR 7L ON 6 JANUARY. ALL PLANES WILL RETURN TO US
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BY 19 JANUARY. THIS DEPLOYMENT WILL REQUIRE STAGING FROM
RAF MILDENHALL AND OVERFLIGHT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AND THE NETHERLANDS. A MINI-
MUM OF TWO TRAINING MISSIONS WILL BE TASKED, ONE OVER THE
FRG AND THE OTHER OVER THE NORTH SEA ALONG THE COAST OF
NORWAY. THE TRACKS WILL BE SIMILAR TO THOSE FLOWN BY THE

SR-71 DURING THE NATO EXERCISES COLD FIRE AND TEAM WORK.

ACTION ADDRESSEES REQUESTED TO SEEK AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE
BY HOST GOVERNMENTS TO THIS SR-71 DEPLOYMENT. DETAILS
REQUIRED FOR FLIGHT CLEARANCES AND BASE SUPPORT WOULD BE
ARRANGED BY CINCSAC IDENTIFYING REQUIREMENT TO EUROM.
EUROM WILL OBTAIN BASING/FLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR ALL SORTIES
THROUGH THE USDAO'S IN RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES.
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